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RELEASE OF MAKARIOS

- I. Greece and Turkey tense in anticipation Archbishop Makarios' impending arrival in Athens. Makarios due in Nairobi on 11 Apr.; reportedly will lay over four days to talk to waiting Greek delegations, then fly on to Athens (E.T.A. 15 Apr).
- A. Ambassador Allen expects "tremendous demonstrations" on arrival.
- B. Karamanlis reported confused, indecisive over treatment of Makarios.
- C. After arrival, Archbishop may arouse Greek public against Britain, Turkey, or Karamanlis government.

- II. Turkish position on Cyprus issue has turned much harder since Makarios' release. Turks fear British are softening.

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- B. Turks told our Ambassador on 6 Apr that public opinion was becoming "unpleasant" toward Britain and, if necessary, "Turkey would fight" Greeks over Cyprus.

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